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PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1945. Eighty-three of these reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED] FOIA b3a

It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports, beginning with the most recent and working backward, but omitting those already translated by [REDACTED] FOIA b3a. The numbering of the items was added by the translator [REDACTED] FOIA b3a. [REDACTED] FOIA b3a did this only in the last eighteen reports, [REDACTED] inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report.

16 October 1943

The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Report 5/10

(Based on Domestic Radio Traffic)

Individual Messages

1) Personnel

(1) The NKHF-Technical School in Rostov-on-Don has a staff of 500, including students and teachers.

(2) In the second ten day period of October the NKHF-Technical School in Yakutsk is accepting 60 students from the local technical school of the NK for the Fish Industry. These students will be placed together in a special course of instruction and trained as navigators and navigator aides.

(3) Molotov-NKHF has the following winter list of shore personnel:

At the piers	55 men
For repair of the piers	450 "
For own timber procurement	423 "
Personnel assigned to the	300 "
Chief Directorate of Timber	
Sales for timber procurement	
For construction work of the	
Steamship Agency Directorate	59
For military guards	40
Not yet assigned	<u>88</u>
	1,415 men

(4) The NKHF authorities in Stalingrad received the following premiums for its workers for good performance in September:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Number of Workers</u>	<u>Plan Fulfillment</u>	<u>Premium</u> rubles
Lower Volga Steamship Agency Directorate	63	-	4,648,000
NKHF-Plant in Stalingrad	28	130 %	2,646,000

<u>Office</u>	<u>Number of Workers</u>	<u>Plan Fulfillment</u>	<u>Premium</u> rubles
NKRF Plant in Krasnoarmejsk	21	109 %	941,000
NKRF Plant in Uritskij	17	104 %	645,000
NKRF Repair Shops in Stalingrad	13	107 %	536,000
Workshops in Vladimirovka	28	110 %	1,225,000

2) Food Situation

(5) As a result of a poor harvest, there is a shortage of seed grain in Armavir.
For sowing, there will be needed:

4 tons winter wheat

3 tons barley

(6) In October the mills in Rostov are to prepare 2,000 tons millet.

(7) 10,000 tons of seed corn and 11,900 tons of bread grain are to be stored
for the Georgia State Reserve Fund.

(8) The Reserve Fund in Rostov is to receive 200 tons of winter rye and
5,000 tons of summer wheat.

(9) On 30 September balances in Erevan were as follows:

Grain Procurement:	flour	2,248 tons	
	peeled grain	618	
	wheat	393	
	barley	1,185	
	oats	50	
	other grains	2,065	
	Mill Combine	flour	2,688
		wheat	2,200
		barley	4,244
other grains		957	
Bakeries	flour	246	
	peeled grain	5	
		16,899 tons	

(10) In the last 5 days of September, no rice shipments arrived in Baku from Iranian ports. The balances of rice in Baku on 1 October amounted to:

219 tons from Pahlevi
589 tons from Shakhsevar
294 tons from Machmudabad
1,102 tons total

(11) The Leningrad Fat Combine produced in September:

129 tons sunflower oil
551 tons purified oil
34 tons emulsion
104 tons syrup.

(12) As a result of heavy rain, the vegetable oil factory in Millerovo discontinued work. On 5 October it had cakes, which, as a result of open air storage, were threatened with spoilage.

(13) From 1 - 7 October, Stalingrad NKHF transported:

3,845 horses
6,484 horned cattle
22,912 sheep

(14) The Corn and Cattle Trust of the Sovkhozes in Rostov requests 700 pigs for shipment to the Ukraine oblasti.

(15) Makhachkala must procure for the Planning Trust in Dagestan:

899 tons cole
881 tons cucumbers
203 tons onions
5,599 tons tomatoes
230 tons red beets
542 tons carrots

(16) 8,721 tons of vegetables are being made available for other organizations.

(17) The following enterprises and offices received for the fourth quarter

the following allotments of provisions:

- (18) Office of the NK for the Merchant Fleet including the allotment for
Taganrog:

10 tons fish
10.9 " meat
2 " butter
3.4 " plant fat
4 " sugar
2.6 " sweets

- (19) Don-Kuban Steamship Agency:

9.6 tons fish
5.4 " meat
2 " animal fat
4 " plant fat
1.7 " sugar

- (20) The Military Don-Kuban-Reconstruction Directorate in Rostov:

6 tons fish
5.5 " meat
1 " animal fat
2.2 " plant fat
2 " sugar
1.3 " sweets

- (21) The tobacco factory in Rostov is to turn out in October according to the
plan 20,000,000 cigarettes and 200 tons of tobacco:

Requirements:

<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
22) Krasnodar, Macaroni Industry	30 tons	flour	--	In Oct.

<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
23) Leningrad Textile Combine "Rabochij"	15 carloads	potatoes	-	-
24) Okhta, Textile Combine "Kirov"	10 carloads	"	-	-
25) Ordzhonikidze Meat and Dairy Industry	26 tons	butter	Pyatigorsk Sales for Plant Oils and Fats	-

Authorizations

<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
26) Blagoveshchensk, NKRF	60 tons	feed grain	Khabarovsk	in Oct. Grain Procurement
27) Krasnoyarsk, NKRF	130 tons	"	Krasnoyarsk	" Grain Procurement of which 110 tons to local Timber Procurement
28) Rostov, Grain Fodder Trust	8 tons	"	-	in October
29) Rostov, Poultry Sovkhoz "Oblinskaya"	5 tons	"	-	"
30) Rostov, Poultry Sovkhoz "Belaya Kalitva"	5 tons	"	-	"
31) Ust - Ussa, NKRF	40 tons	"	-	" of which 8 tons for Timber Pro- curement
32) Orlovsk Sheep-Raising Sovkhoz	10 tons	bran	-	-

<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
33) Rostov	6 carloads	potatoes	Ternovka, Special Trade	-
34) Moscow, Chief Directorate for Plant Oil	300 tons	plant fat	Baku	-
35) Rostov Combine "Rabochij"	300 tons	"	Krasnodar	-
36) Southern Front, Maintenance Supply	20 tons	butter	Rostov Meat Dairy Sales	Sept/Oct additional
37) Armavir	200 tons	cattle	Krasnodar Meat Combine	4th Quarter
38) Salsk Cattle Procurement	14 tons	cattle	Rostov Cattle Procurement	-
39) -	29,500 head	poultry	Krasnodar	in Sept.
40) Groznyj, Technical Oil Supply	14 tons	salt	Nizhne Baskunchak Salt Warehouse	in Oct.
41) Plant 407 of Oil Industry	1 ton	salt	"	"
42) Pyatigorsk, Alcohol Trust	100,000 liters	alcohol	Rostov Distillery	"

Deliveries:

<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
43) Erevan	960 tons	Grain	Lambashinsk, Tobacco Sovkhoz	--
44) Erevan	938 tons	Grain	Ararat, Sovkhozes of the Canning Trust	In Sept.
45) Erevan	758 tons	Grain	Egorlikskaya, Sovkhozes	" "

46) Southwestern Front	20,783 tons	Grain	---	From the beginning of the harvest to 5 October
47) Rostov, Bread Supply	10 tons	Macaroni	---	In the third quarter, supplementary
48) North Ossetia	826 tons	Seed corn	Krasnodar, NK for Procurement	Thru 9 Oct.
49) Ingush	465 tons	Seed corn	"	"
50) Moscow, OD for Oils and Fats	112 tons	Butter grease	Rostov	In Sept.
51) Rostov, Bread Supply	16 tons	Vegetable fat	---	In the third quarter, supplementary
52) " " "	1 ton	Animal fat	---	"
53) " " "	5 tons	Sugar	---	"
54) Kislovodsk	31 tons	Meat	Krasnodar	In Sept.
55) Voroshilovgrad, Motor Plant "Yakubovskij"	16.9 tons	Meat Preserves	Makhachkala, Transovtrans	In Oct.
56) Chertkovo	400 birds	Poultry	Voroshilovgrad, Livestock Breeding Sovkhoz, Ataman	In Sept.
57) Borovaya, Sovkhoz Provodnik	400 birds	Poultry	Krasnodar, Meat and Dairy Industry	---
58) Krasnodar (?), Meat and Dairy Sales	8300 "	"	Krasnodar, Poultry Trust	---
59) Armavir, Meat Combine	1500 "	"	"	---
60) Armavir (?), Cattle Procurement	1200 "	"	"	---
61) Rostov, Bread Supply	220 tons	Salt	---	In third quarter
62) Krasnodar	1 railroad car	"	Kislyar	---
63) According to a lead article from "Pravda", plowing fields for removal of summer grain is to be done with special care. Depth of plowing must under all conditions be limited. This is an obligation to the fatherland.				

However, the Novosibirsk, Kujbyshev, Kirov Oblasti, the Bashkir Republic and other oblasti leave much to be desired in this respect.

3) Metal Supply

64) On 1 October Truck Park #2 in Leningrad had the following stocks:

15 tons iron
30 " scrap metal
0.5 " nonferrous metal
0.2 " nonferrous scrap metal.

65) According to the plan for October, the Bataisk Metal Plant is to process 2,100 tons of scrap metal.

66) In Taganrog there are 2,000 tons of 6-50 mm armor plate of chrome-nickel-molybdenum-and manganese steel plus 300 tons in steel billets.

67) Groznyj requests the Chief Sales Office for Iron in Moscow to confirm the following fourth quarter scrap metal processing plan:

Kabardino-Balkar	1,000 tons
North Osetia	1,500 "
Checheno-Ingush	2,000 "
Dagestan	2,500 "

68) Baku, Communications Supply, received from Iransovtrans 672 tons of wire. Further deliveries are to follow. 370 tons were shipped, including 204 tons for Camp 407.

69) The Kirov Plant in Baku cannot receive the authorized 300 tons of pipe because there are no stocks of pipe on hand in the ports of Makhachkala, Krasnovodsk and Baku.

70) The "Krasnyj Metallist" Plant at Baku did not receive the authorized 10 tons of iron from the local Metal Sales Office; because of this production from the Plant has been interrupted.

71) The Plants of the NK for Light Industry in Baku can only operate with interruptions because of a lack of brass wire. Delivery of 5 tons of "Teks" (?)

and 10 tons of brass wire, which are located at "Iransovtrans" at Dzhulfa, has been proposed.

- 72) The Plant "Dzerzhinsk" in Baku ceased manufacture of special products because of a lack of steel sheet and wire. The Plant is to receive the following from Baku:

10 tons Steel sheet - 3 mm (thick?)
10 " Wire - 6.5 mm diameter

- 73) In September Baku shipped the following:

102 tons iron
60 " iron waste,

including 24 tons to the Acetone Plant in Dokshukino.

- 74) The Copper Plant at Tbilisi manufactured 3 tons of copper products on 27 September, making a total of 60 tons. Remainder not shipped - 127 tons.

- 75) Very limited fourth quarter allocations were made for the Raw Material Supply Office of Georgia, which did not even assure fulfillment of special orders. Allotments of some materials were even smaller than for the third quarter. The following were allotted:

	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
Carbon-bearing steel sheet	245 tons	200 tons
Pen steel	105 tons	60 tons

- 76) Iron pipes, high speed cutting steel and other important materials have not been allotted at all. In order to carry out special orders and manufacture agricultural machines and spare parts for tractors, the following supplementary allotments must unconditionally be made:

Carbon-bearing profile steel	200 tons
Steel sheet	250 "
Tool sheet	5 "
Pen steel (additional)	8 "
High speed cutting steel	1 ton

Iron	400 tons
Iron sheet	100 "
Profile iron	150 "
Rolled iron	150 "
Tinplate	10 "
Iron pipe	25 "
Cast iron	250 "
Nonferrous metal scrap	15 "
Roofing sheet	35 "
Nails	30 "

Requirements:

<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
77) Rostov/Don, Local Industry	10,000	Sewing Machine needles	---	for fourth quarter
78) "	15,000	Sewing needles	---	"

Authorizations:

79) Novocherkassk, Combine Nikolsk	20 tons	Scrap	Bataisk, Iron Plant	---
80) Chkalovsk, NKRF Plant	17 "	"	---	for fourth quarter
81) Omsk - NKRF	17 "	"	Omsk, Chief Metal Sales	"
82) Semipalatinsk, NKRF Plant	17 "	"	Alma-Ata, Chief Metal Sales	"
83) Groznyj, Metal Sales	80 tons	Iron	Rostov/Don, Chief Metal Sales	for Oct.
84) Stalingrad-NKRF	40 "	Untested Steel	Stalingrad, Chief Metal Sales	---
85) Saratov-NKRF	17 "	Cast Iron	Magnitogorsk	for Oct.

86) Krasnodar, Metal Plant "Oktyabr"	50 tons	Cast iron	---	Production has stopped because of a lack of cast iron.
87) Omsk - NKRF	0.3 "	Tool steel	---	for fourth quarter
88) Vetluga, Shipyards	4 "	Round Steel	---	for first ten days of Oct.
89) Chardzhou - NKRF	20 "	Tin	---	"
90) Stalingrad-NKRF	14 "	Gas pipe	---	for Oct.
91) Rostov/Don	2 "	"	---	---
92) Chkalovsk, NKRF Plant	3 "	"	Magnitogorsk	for fourth Quarter
93) Omsk - NKRF	3 "	"	---	for Oct.
94) Cherepovets - NKRF	20.5 "	Steel cable	---	---

Deliveries:

95) Plant "Krasnyj Molot"	8.5 tons	50 mm Steel	Baku	---
96) Andizhan, Cannery	19 "	Tin plate	Krasnovodsk	on 28 September
97) Fergana, Cannery	38 "	"	Krasnovodsk	on 28 September
98) Krasnoyarsk, Plant "Krasnyj Profintern"	42 "	Pipe	Leningrad	---
99) Rostov/Don, Sales and Supply	5 "	Scrap	---	In third quarter
100) "	30 "	Rolled iron	---	"
101) "	15 "	Gas pipe	---	"
102) "	10 "	Nails	---	"

4) Oil Supply

- 103) In the coal mines of the Rostov/Don Oblast' supply of current has been interrupted because of a lack of fuel. The "Azov-Black Sea-Energie" in Rostov proposes delivery of 300 tons of mazut from the Oil Supply Office in Groznyj.
- 104) Because of a lack of fuel, Plants #233 and #228 of the Machine Industry in Tbilisi

are in a difficult situation and fulfillment of the production plan for the months of October and November has been placed in doubt. An allotment of 8 tons of gasoline is required for Plant #233 for October.

105) In August the Ufa Oil Supply Office delivered 4,000 tons of mazut to the Far East Steamship Agency; payment has been refused.

Requirements:

Consignee	Quantity	Type	Consignor	Remarks
106) Baku, "Trubolit"	3 tons	Petroleum	---	for September
107) "	4 "	Ligroin	---	"
108) "	8 "	Gasoline	---	---
109) Leningrad, Press (?), Plant #186	1 ton	"	---	---
110) Leningrad, Press (?), Plant #436	0.5 tons	"	---	---
111) Leningrad, Press (?), Plant #616	1 ton	"	---	---

Authorizations:

112) Rostov/Don, Plant "Proletarskij Molot"	10 tons	Oil	Baku Oil Combine	for October
113) Krasnodar, Timber Supply	1 ton	"	Krasnodar Oil Combine	"
114) Ukraine, Agriculture	3,750 tons	Oil	Oil Supply in Armavir and Krasnodar	for the first half of Oct.
115) Stalino, Plant #110 of the NK for Munitions	50 tons	"	Tuapse, Oil Supply	---
116) Plant #81 of the NK for Munitions, Station Matseevo, Voronezh Railroad	25 "	"	"	---
117) Krasnodar, Timber Supply	2 "	Diesel oil	Krasnodar, Oil Supply	for October
118) Severinsk (?) Fur Sovkhoz of the NK for Foreign Trade	1 ton	Petroleum	"	"
119) Rostov, Plant "Proletarskij Molot"	10 tons	"	Baku, Oil Combine	"

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Consignee	Quantity	Type	Consignor	Remarks
120) Astrakhan Plant "Kujbyshev"	2 tons	Petroleum	Groznyj, Oil Supply	---
121) Krasnodar, Timber Supply	5 tons	"	Krasnodar, Oil Supply	for October
122) Krasnodar, Office of the NK for State Security	1 ton	"	"	---
123) Valdai, Oil Base	2 tons	Automobile gasoline	Tikhvin, Oil Supply	---
124) Molotov, NKRF	1.6 "	Gasoline	---	for October
125) Astrakhan, Plant "Kujbyshev"	5 tons	"	Groznyj, Oil Supply	---
126) Krasnodar, Timber Supply	3 "	"	Krasnodar Oil Supply	for October
127) Krasnodar, Office of the NK for State Security	5 "	"	"	for October
128) Irkutsk, Metallurgical Plant	18 tons	"	Krasnovodsk, Oil Supply	---
129) Rostov/Don, Plant "Proletarskij Molot"	10 tons	Ligroin	Baku, Oil Combine	for October
130) Astrakhan, Plant "Kujbyshev"	5 "	"	Groznyj, Oil Supply	---
131) Krasnodar, Timber Supply	5 "	"	Krasnodar, Oil Supply	for October
132) Rostov/Don, Enterprises of the NK for Iron	150 tons	Lubricating Mazut	Makhachkala, Oil Supply	---
133) "	350 tons	Machine Oil	"	---
134) Severinsk (?), Fur Sovkhoz of the NK for Foreign Trade	5 "	Motor Oil	Krasnodar, Oil Supply	for October

Deliveries:

135) Omsk, Plant "Disk"	1760 tons	Mazut	Baku, Oil Supply	in September
136) Astrakhan, Oil Supply	1805 tons	Oil Products	Makhachkala, Oil Enterprise	in third quarter
137) Chkalov, Plant #8 of the NK for Oil	16 tons	"	Baku, Oil Supply	in September
138) Barnaul, Tractor Industry	150 tons	Spindel oil	Krasnovodsk, Oil Supply	"

5) Chemical Supply

- 143) Groznyj, Oil Supply, has not delivered the 75 tons of paraffin due in September to the enterprises of the NK for the Rubber Industry. All supplies in the plants of the Rubber Industry have been consumed.
- 140) Technical Oil Supply in Baku -- copper vitriol and olein due in September. There is no copper vitriol on hand and only 120 tons of olein.
- 14, The Nutaizi Acetone Plant produced 10 tons of lithopone thru 23 September.
- 142) The Armenian Central Committee in Erevan announces the distribution of 327 tons of caustic soda for enterprises of the NK for Oil. In September 150 tons were shipped to Azerbajdzhan Oil Combines and 25 tons to the Plant in Batum. The remaining 152 tons will be shipped on 25 September.

Requirements:

Consignee	Quantity	Type	Consignor	Remarks
143) Groznyj, Candle Plant	30 tons	Paraffin	Moscow, Chief Storehouse Directorate of the NKVD	monthly
144) Baku, Health Office	50 "	Soap	---	---

Authorizations:

145) Stavropol', Agriculture Supply	1 railroad car	Calcium carbide	Kirovakan, Chemical Plant	for September
146) 1) Kokchetav, Karaganda Rajon, Plant #621	65 railroad cars	Oil bitumen	Groznyj, Oil Supply	for October
2) Alma-Ata, Light Industry Supply				
3) Kursk, Oblast' Light Industry				

Deliveries:

147) Erevan, a plant	100 railroad cars	Calcium carbide	Erevan	in September
148) Kirovakan, a plant	50 "	"	"	"
149) Plant #4 of the NK for Armaments	25 "	Paraffin	Groznyj, Oil Supply	"

150) Plant #9 of the NK for Armaments 25 railroad cars Paraffin Groznyj, Oil Supply in September

5) Civil Air Fleet

151) According to a decree of 7 October, Belov, Major-general of the Technical Troops, has been appointed as Deputy Chief of the Civil Air Fleet.

152) The following units of the Civil Air Fleet have been newly noted:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
153) Snudsev Group	---	---
154) A R M 37 (Aircraft Repair Shop)	Kujbyshev	---
155) Aircraft Squadron	Tashkent	Chief of Staff: Major Rybalke
156) "Odessa Flying School"	Samarkand	---

The following units have been confirmed:

157) (5th Independent?) Air Regiment	---	---
158) (32nd?) Air Division	Sverdlovsk	---
159) A R R 70 (Aircraft Repair Base)	Tashkent	---
160) Aircraft Squadron	Cherepovo (90 km southeast of Novosibirsk)	----
161) Flying School	Syrdarinskaya	---
162) Radio Operator School	Frunze	---

163) On 21 August a unit of the Civil Air Fleet in Frunze reported that it had received 16 aircraft communication sets.

164) In Tashkent 124 girls are being trained by the Civil Air Fleet, including 105 for communications service.

165) The Ob-Unit in Tyumen' will be provisioned on the same basis as units of the Red Army Air Troops.

166) Authorities of the Civil Air Fleet in Baku report that delays have been met in repairing aircraft because of a lack of calcium carbide and aircraft lacquer.

- 167) It is reported from Tashkent that aircraft type 2520 can operate 1000 hours without overhaul.
- 168) The Saratov airport reports that the September transport plan was fulfilled 110%.
- 169) In the last ten days of September the Kujbyshev airport received the order to set up by the end of September the transport machinery of the Civil Air Fleet excluding that for the transport of tank spare parts.
- 170) On every flight from Baku to Moscow aircraft of the Civil Air Fleet must carry at least 100 kg of freight from the branch office of Transovtrans in Baku.
- 171) The independent mixed air squadron at Sochi reports the following revised plan for September:
- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Aircraft in flying condition | 15 |
| Aircraft not in flying condition | 3 |
| Pilots | 19 |
| including for night flying | 16 |
| Number of aircraft | 1469 |
| including for night flights | 108 |
| Aircraft hours flown | 1484 hours, 30 minutes |
| including those flown at night | 119 " 47 " |
| Mail carried | 8499 kg |
| Packages | 5600 " |
| Other freight | 681 " |
- No damages.
- 172) The Civil Air Fleet Offices in Alma-Ata announced the following report of the State Airlines for September:
- | | |
|----------------------|--------|
| Aircraft hours flown | 103 |
| Kilometers flown | 26,100 |
| Passengers carried | 222 |
- 173) Aircraft of the Civil Air Fleet shall transport gold from Barguzin on the East Coast of Lake Baikal.
- 174) The airline Stalingrad - Astrakhan - Baku - Teheran has been confirmed.
- 175) The airline Stalingrad - Rostov - Stalino was mentioned for the first time.
- 176) The Civil Air Fleet has established bases in Kursk, Orel, Stalino and Kharkov.
- 177) 34 workers are to be dispatched from Alma-Ata for construction of the Kharkov airfield.
- 178) According to a decree of 4 October the Azerbaijdzhan Air Group will be set up in the Kharkov area.
- 179) The Air Club in Beloretsk requests permission to leave the airport in Sterlitamak (northwest of Magnitogorsk in the Bashkir ASSR).